(b) if so, by when that is likely to be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Water Resources (erstwhile Ministry of Irrigation) and Central Water Commission formulated a National Perspective Plan (NPP) for Water Resources Development in 1980. The NPP comprises of two components *viz.* (i) Peninsular Rivers Development and (ii) Himalayan Rivers Development and envisages construction of storages on various river systems along with interlinking canal systems to transfer water from water surplus areas to water deficit regions. National Water Development Agency (NWDA) was set up on 1982 to study the feasibility of Inter-basin water transfer proposals and give a concrete shape to NPP. The Inter-linking propos .ls under NPP envisages additional benefits of 25 million ha. of irrigation from surface waters, 10 million ha. by increased use of ground waters and generation of 34 million KW of power apart from the incidental benefits of flood moderation, navigation, water supply, salinity and pollution control etc.

Based on various studies conducted, NWDA has identified 30 links for preparation of feasibility Reports (FRs). Out of these, FRs of 14 links under Peninsular Component and 2 Links (Indian portion) under Himalayan Component have already been completed. NWDA has taken up the work of preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for one priority link *viz.* Ken-Betwa under Peninsular Component.

The implementation of inter basin water transfer proposals depends upon the consensus and cooperation of the concerned States and agreements with the neighbouring countries.

Maintenance of water bodies in Goa

278. SHRI SHANTARAM LAXMAN NAIK: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have given financial assistance to the State Government of Goa to preserve, maintain and develop water bodies;

(b) if so, the quantum of financial assistance given so far;

(c) whether the water bodies in the State with respect to which financial assistance is given/ proposed to be given, have been identified; and

(d) if so, the details as regards each of these water bodies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No financial assistance was given to the State Government of Goa under the Pilot Scheme on "National Project for Repair, Renovation and Restoration of Water Bodies directly linked to Agriculture" launched by the Central Government in January, 2005.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Survey for locating ground water

279. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has conducted any survey of different landscapes to spot out ground water resources;

(b) if so, the States where this survey has been done; and

(c) the success so far achieved in identifying such resources, especially in the drought affected areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. As per information received from the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), under Department of Space, survey has been conducted in 10 States, *viz.* Andhra Pradesh (part), Chhattisgarh, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Jharkhand, Himachal Pradesh, Orissa and Gujarat. Over two lakh wells have been drilled with a success rate of over 90 per cent.

Drinking Water to all by 2015

280. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the year 2000, UNO promised India and some other countries to help them in providing drinking water to all by 2015;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the progress made so far even though half the time has elapsed; and

(d) the steps being taken to accomplish the task by 2015?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The Ministry of Rural Development and Ministry of Urban Development who are dealing with Drinking Water Supply have informed that they are not aware of any such promise.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Irrigation projects in Bihar

281. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether despite expending crores of rupees on irrigation projects in Bihar the condition of irrigation projects are dismal and whether the funds released by the Central Government and the State Government are misappropriated;

(b) if so, whether Government have looked into the above matters and if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon;

(c) whether due to non-repair of marginal bandh at Guabari, Dhaka Block, East Champaran, Bihar which was damaged some years before has not yet been repaired consequent to which crores of rupees is distributed/incurred towards relief; and

(d) if so, by when the bandh (embankment) would be repaired?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.